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1. The city has a population of about one million. It is situated about 500 km southwest of Ufa, on the Trans-Siberian railroad and on the left bank of the Volga River, at its confluence with the Samara River. It is bounded on the west by the Volga and on the south by the tributary Samara.
2. The Volga at Kuibyshev has a width of about one kilometer. The boat and barge traffic is heavy, especially southward. The Samara River, one kilometer wide, is crossed by a steel railroad bridge which carries the Trans-Siberian. Traffic density on the Trans-Siberian is reportedly high and consists mostly of shipments of industrial and mineral products. The line is double-tracked and steam traction is used.
3. Kuibyshev was not damaged during the war. The streets in the center of town are partly laid with cobblestones; the most important are paved with asphalt. A motor highway extends northwestward toward Ufa.
4. Besides the factories of military importance shown in the attached sketch, there are a few sugar mills, and small plants manufacturing tar, asphalt, stucco and lumber.

LEGENDS FOR SKETCH OF KUIBYSHEV

1. Railroad station. Situated in the southwest section of the city, near the Samara River. It is a masonry structure, two stories high.
2. Grain silos. In the west part of town, on the left bank of the Volga. This reinforced concrete structure is about 70 meters high, and is reported to be one of the largest silos in the USSR.
3. Factory for manufacture of aircraft ball bearings, and tank and automotive ball bearings. It is situated in the center of town. It is a huge plant, formerly the cavalry barracks, with numerous masonry structures. The skilled workers number about 25,000 and are mostly women. There are three eight-hour shifts. The entire plant is surrounded by a wooden fence. Armed guards are stationed in the towers at the four corners of the fence. The plant is connected to the railroad by a spur.

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4. Freight station. Situated in the center of town on the Trans-Siberian. It is a low masonry structure used as a warehouse.
5. Factory for manufacture of aircraft ball bearings, tank and automotive ball bearings: it is situated in the center of town, south of the Trans-Siberian. This plant layout is slightly smaller than No. 3, and extends over an area of four to five square kilometers. It comprises six sheds, 60 by 30 m with steel roofs in dome shape and a vast inside yard. About 10,000 employees work here in three eight-hour shifts. The enclosure is a wooden fence with towers manned by armed guards. A spur connects with the railroad.
6. Stalin factory (Stalin Zavod) with airfield. It is situated in the south-east section of town. Fighter planes of IL-2 and jet type are assembled and tested there. An airfield enclosed by a wooden fence with towers manned by armed guards is attached to the plant. It is connected to the railroad by a spur. More than 10,000 workers are employed. There are three shifts daily.
7. Small airfield, situated south of town on the right bank of the Samara River. It is used for gliders and the paratrooper school.
8. Lenin factory (Lenin Zavod). Located in the southern part of the city near the Samara River. Engines are produced for heavy and light tanks. Several masonry sheds 250 by 50 m with peaked roofs and a large court make up the layout. About 20,000 workers are on three eight-hour shifts. It is enclosed by a wooden fence with towers in the corners armed by guards. It is connected to the railroad by a spur.
9. Coal-fired thermal power station and chemical department. Located in the southeast section of town, not far from the right bank of the Samara River. It is a large building with a court, and a smokestack 104m high. It is connected to the railroad by a spur, and is guarded on the outside by armed guards.
10. Steel railroad bridge over the Samara, more than a kilometer long, carrying the Trans-Siberian in a south - north direction.
11. Rasuykinca (sic, Rasuikinka?) Section. Dwellings occupied by German engineers and technicians.

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